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PRESS RELEASE

MACON: Maxwell Wood, United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia, announces that **JOHN CHAMBERS** entered a plea of guilty today in U.S. District Court before the Honorable Duross Fitzpatrick to a superseding indictment which charges the offense of "Conspiracy to Defraud the United States," in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371. The defendant faces a statutory maximum sentence of five years imprisonment, a maximum fine of \$250,000.00, or both, and a term of supervised release of three years and a mandatory assessment of \$100.00. CHAMBERS may also be ordered to pay restitution to the Internal Revenue Service in an amount not to exceed \$183,305.00.

The superseding indictment to which CHAMBERS entered a plea of guilty alleges that from about April 15, 1996 to about September 23, 1998, CHAMBERS conspired to impede and impair the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") in the computation and collection of income taxes. The indictment further alleges that during the time frame of the conspiracy, CHAMBERS was the manager of the Neon Cowboy Lounge in Byron, Georgia, and of the Neon Cowboy Too in Cordele, Georgia, and that CHAMBERS caused income from these businesses to not be reported to the IRS. In a plea agreement filed with the Court at the time of the entry of the plea of guilty,

CHAMBERS and the government stipulated that the amount of tax loss which could be proven is an amount that does not exceed \$183,305.00.

United States Attorney Maxwell Wood stated, "we are appreciative of the hard work of the investigators on this case which was a tedious investigation and we are glad their hard work has born fruit." The case was investigated by the Macon office of the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Paul C. McCommon III prosecuted the case for the government. For additional information, contact Sue McKinney, Public Affairs Specialist at 478-621-2602.

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